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via FACSIMILE/U.S. MAIL

Mark D. Chuey
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Re: Contacting Cisco Employees



Dear Mr. Chuey:

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 28, which repeats much of the contents of your March 23 letter. I wrote to you yesterday in response to your March 23 letter. I will not repeat here what I stated in my letter to you yesterday.

In your March 28 letter you enclosed two documents which you asked me to forward to Edward J. Fiore. The documents you enclosed were a "Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney" and an "Assignment" relating to a patent application which Storage Technology Corporation ("StorageTek") apparently filed on October 16, 2000. According to the documents you sent to me, this patent application relates to an invention entitled "Arbitrated Loop Port Switching" and has been assigned Patent Application Serial No. 09/688,717.

The decision whether to sign these documents rests with Mr. Fiore. As you have requested, I have forwarded to Mr. Fiore, the documents you sent to me.

You have indicated that if you do not receive a response by April 7, you will file a statement with the Patent Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) representing that Mr. Fiore "refused to sign." You waited over five months after filing this patent application on October 16, 2000, before sending your March 28 letter. Moreover, you have not sent Mr. Fiore a copy of the specifications, which he would need to review to be able to sign the Declaration you have sent. The deadline you purport to impose is unreasonable. Additionally, you should be cautious about any statements you may make to the Patent Office: to my knowledge, Mr. Fiore has not refused to sign any documents.

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If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to write to me.

Very truly yours,


Joseph W. Hammell

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cc: Edward Fiore